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REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested in view of the following remarks. Prior to this Supplemental Reply, claims 6-11, 20-29, 31, and 33-34 were pending. Claims 1-5 and 12-19 remain withdrawn from consideration and claims 30 and 32 were previously canceled. By this Supplemental Reply, claims 35-38 have been added. Therefore, claims 6-11, 20-29, 31, and 33-38 are now pending. Of the pending claims, claims 6, 20, 25, 29, 31, 35, 36, 37, and 38 are independent.

INTERVIEW CONDUCTED

Applicants thank the Examiner for conducting an interview with Applicants' representative on March 15, 2004 as well as conducting multiple discussions with the representative subsequent to March 15, 2004. During the subsequent discussions, the Examiner and the representative attempted to arrive at clarifying amendments. As a result, the independent claims 6, 20, 25, 29, and 31 have been amended to clarify the invention.

§ 103 REJECTION - SUZUKI, KAMIKURA

Claims 6-11 and 20-32 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Suzuki et al. (USPN 6,031,575, hereinafter "Suzuki") in view of Kamikura et al. (USPN 6,266,370, hereinafter "Kamikura").

With regard to claims 30 and 32, the rejection has been rendered moot. With regard to the remaining claims, Applicants respectfully traverse.

First, Applicants maintain all traversal arguments made in the previous Replies.

Also, as explained and communicated during the march 15th interview and subsequent discussions, the combination of Suzuki and Kamikura cannot be relied upon to teach or suggest the feature of "the display speed information being included as a codeword in the header information area for a layer that is above a VOP layer and comprises a plurality of VOPs, wherein for the layer above the VOP layer, the header information area is separate from the data area" as claimed in independent claims 6. Independent claims 20, 25, 29, and 31 also recite a similar feature.

Therefore, for at least the reasons stated above, independent claims 6, 20, 25, 29, and 31 are distinguishable over the combination of Suzuki and Kamikura. Claims 7-11, 21-24, and 26-28 depend from claims 6, 20, and 25 directly or indirectly. Therefore, for at least the reasons stated with respect to the independent claims, these dependent claims are also distinguishable over the combination of Suzuki and Kamikura.

Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection of claims 6-11 and 20-32, based on Suzuki and Kamikura, be withdrawn.

NEW CLAIMS

Claims 35, 36, 37, and 38 have been added through this reply. Applicants respectfully submit that the new claims are distinguishable over the prior art of record. Independent claims 35 and 36 recite the feature of "a VOP rate information to indicate a number of VOPs displayed per unit time when a VOP rate is fixed" and independent claims 37 and 38 recite the feature of "VOP rate flag information to indicate whether a VOP rate is fixed or variable." Applicants respectfully submit that

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these features is neither taught nor suggested by any combination of the cited prior art of record.

CONCLUSION

All objections and rejections raised in the Office Action having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance. Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Hyung Sohn (Reg. No. 44,346), to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

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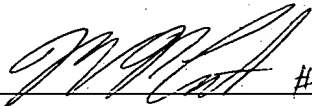
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If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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